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(ALERT)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT NIXON WAITED UNTIL IT APPEARED MORE THAN 1,000 SOVIET PARATROOPERS MIGHT ALREADY BE FLYING TO EGYPT BEFORE ORDERING A WORLDWIDE ALERT OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES THURSDAY, ADMINISTRATION SOURCES SAID TODAY.

IT TURNED OUT THAT THE DOZEN HUGE AN22 TRANSPORT PLANES U.S. INTELLIGENCE BELIEVED MIGHT BE CARRYING PARATROOPERS PROBABLY WERE ONLY LIFTING CARGO, THE SOURCES SAID, BUT AT THE TIME THE U.S. ALERT WAS ORDERED THAT WAS FAR FROM CLEAR.

TOO MANY OTHER INTELLIGENCE SIGNALS FROM THE SOVIETS INDICATED RUSSIAN TROOPS WERE ABOUT TO MOVE INTO THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY SAID.

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